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E.O. 11652: AGDS 12/4/81

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SUBJ: IRA POSSESSION OF SOVIET MISSILES

REFS: STATE 187035 AND LONDON 11410 AND 10884 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH ARMY SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED BY UPI REPORTER BELFAST DECEMBER 2 AS SAYING THAT IRA HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH "ONE OF THE SAME TYPE OF SOVIET-MADE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE USED DURING THE MIDDLE EAST WAR." HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSIGNED TO BORDER FLIGHTS NEAR IRELAND HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THREAT OF ATTACK BY SA-7 MISSILES, ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE. SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED FURTHER AS SAYING THAT THESE MISSILES WERE PROBABLY RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT QADAFI OF LIBYA.

2. DEPARTMENT REMAINS CONCERNED REGARDING PROLIFERATION OF THESE SA-7 MISSILES, WHICH CAN BE USED AGAINST CIVILIAN AS WELL AS MILITARY AIRCRAFT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S

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INQUIRING: A) IF UPI REPORT IS BASED ON FACT; AND B) IF THIS IS, AS REPORTED BY THIS SOURCE, INITIAL INTRODUCTION OF SA-7 (STRELA/GRAIL) MISSILE INTO NORTHERN IRELAND.

3. BRITISH EARLIER DECLINED TO SUPPORT OUR DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS FOLLOWING ROME INCIDENT (REFTELS). IN LIGHT OF THIS POSSIBLE NEW DEVELOPMENT, DO BRITISH PLAN TO APPROACH SOVIETS ALONG LINES OF STATE 187035? FYI: WE HAVE MADE

THREE DEMARCHE ON SA-7 TO SOVIETS THUS FAR. END FYI. KISSINGER

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